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1. EARLY TRANSFER OF TWO ADDITIONAL ETHIOPIAN ARTILLERY BATTALIONS TO OGADEN (REFTEL) CAN BE EXPECTED TO REKINDLE SOMALI SUSPICIONS OF ETHIOPIAN INTENTIONS JUST WHEN BORDER TENSIONS SEEM TO BE SUBSIDING. ALTHOUGH ETHIOPIANS UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE VALID MILITARY NEED FOR MORE ARTILLERY, EVEN THEY DO NOT SEEM TO CONSIDER CONVENTIONAL ATTACK IMMINENT. TIMING IS UNFORTUNATE AND WOULD SEEM SLAP AT OAU COMMITTEE.

2. U.S. CAN EXPECT TO GET SOME OF THE FLAK AS SOMALIS SEE NEW ARTILLERY AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ETHIOPIANS BUILDING UP OGADEN FORCES TO LEVELS LARGER THAN REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE. GSDR WILL ASSUME THAT U.S. HAS CONCURRED IN ETHIOPIAN TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL FORCES. CROMWELL

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